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SUBJECT: TERRORISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AT OASP .3358,&

1. UNDER HEADLINES NOTING IDENTITY OF DOMINICAN AND US HUMAN RIGHTS POSITIONS AT OASGA MEETING, THIS MORNING'S PRESS CARRIES EXTRACTS FROM FOREIGN SECRETARY JIMZWEZ' REPORT TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER ON HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE IN GRENADA AND CONTINUES WITH REMARKS OF UNDER SECRETARY MARTE DE BARRIOS TO PRESS COMMENTING ON OASGA DISCUSSIONS AND WITH OBSERVATIONS OF JIMENEZ.

2. MAIN POINTS OF JIMENEZ' REPORT AS CITED IN TEXT QUOTED IN PRESS WERE:

A) FOREIGN SECRETARY HAD INTERESTING, CORDIAL AND AGREEABLE CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY VANCE AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN IN WHICH THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE EVIDENT.

B) SECRETARY VANCE CONVEYED WARM MESSAGE OF FRIENDSHIP FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER WHICH COMMENDED THE UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVERNMENT'S EXCELLENT WORK AND RENOVATING IMPULSE HE WAS GIVING TO THE COUNTRY. JIMINEZ EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FO PRESIDENT BALAGUER, HIS GOVERNMENT AND DOMINICAN PEOPLE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMANIST POLICY IN DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS UNIVERSALLY.

C) SECRETARY VANCE SHOWED INTEREST IN ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY THE COUNTRY AND INQUIRED ABOUT

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN IN VARIOUS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SECTORS.

D) THE TWO SECRETARIES AGREED ON THE MAIN POINTS OF THE AGENDA OF THE OAS MEETING. THEIR VIEWS WERE IDENTICAL ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THE STRUGGLE AGAINST TERRORISM AND ON CHARTER REFORM. SECRETARY VANCE INDICATED SURPRISE THAT THE SANTO DOMINGO PRESS HAD COMMENTED THAT THERE WERE DIFFERENCES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS WHEN IN FACT THERE WAS A UNITY OF PURPOSES.

3. AT PRESS CONFERENCE, UNDER SECRETARY MARTE DE BARRIOS EMPHASIZED THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CONSIDERED HUMAN RIGHTS A PRIORITY MATTER AS INDICATED BY ITS PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHAMBER WITHIN ICJ TO DEAL WITH HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. UNDENIABLY, SHE ADDED, THERE WERE ELEMENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND TERRORISM WHICH HAD TO BE STUDIED SEPARATELY, BUT BOTH SUBJECTS WERE CONNECTED. SHE NOTED THAT THE DOMINICAN RESOLUTION WAS PROCEDURAL AND THAT IT HAD NO NEW ELEMENTS BEYOND TRYING TO REVITALIZE OLD ASPECTS.

5. DURING MARTE'S PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE, JIMENEZ TELEPHONED FROM GRENADA, WHEREUPON THE SECRETARY WAS CONNECTED DIRECTLY TO THE REPORTS, HE TOLD THEM THAT HE HAD MET FOR 35 MINUTES WITH SECRETARY VANCE AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN DURING WHICH SECRETARY VANCE HAD SHOWN ENTHUSIASM FOR THE DOMINICAN PROPOSAL.

5. COMMENT: EL CARIBE, ONE OF SANTO DOMINGO'S TWO LEADING DAILIES, HAD FEATURED ARTICLE JUNE 15 WITH HEADLINE THAT DR AND US HAD DIVERGENCE AT OAS MEETING. HEADLINE WAS BASED ON BRIEF UNCLASSIFIED

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REMARKS IN TEXT THAT WHILE FONSEC JIMENEZ FAVORED SEPARATING CONSIDERATION OF QUESTIONS OF POLITICAL TERRORISM AND DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, SECRETARY VANCE HAD SET FORTH US POSITION AGAINST CONDEMNING A SINGLE TYPE OF VIOLENCE. SAME ARTICLE REPORTED THAT US CONGRESSIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE HAD SUGGESTED THAT DR BE INCLUDED AMONG COUNTRIES WHOSE HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES WARRANTED EXCLUSION FROM US MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND THAT SUGGESTION HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN BUT EXECUTIVE BRANCH HAD BEEN ASKED TO KEEP CONGRESS INFORMED OF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN DR AMONG OTHER COUNTRIES.
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